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Right to development

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its fifty-first session, the General Assembly, in adopting resolution 51/99 of 12 December 1996, *inter alia*, reaffirmed the importance of the right to development for every human person and all peoples in all countries, in particular the developing countries, as an integral part of fundamental human rights.

2. In resolution 51/99, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to inform the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-third session and the Assembly at its fifty-second session of the activities of the organizations, funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system for the implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Development, as well as obstacles identified by them to the realization of the right to development.

3. On 16 December 1996, the Secretariat sent a note verbale seeking information relevant to the implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Development. At its fifty-third session, the Commission on Human Rights had before it the report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.4/1997/21), which will be made available to the General Assembly for its consideration.

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